

Amendments to the claims:

The following listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of the claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (currently amended) A system of providing a gas comprising oxygen at a purity of 30% or greater by volume for the aquafarming of marine animals comprising: a plurality of containment vessels, each of said containment vessels capable of containing a plurality of marine animals and an aqueous medium; a plurality of oxygen injectors, at least one oxygen injector disposed in at least one location of each of said plurality of containment vessels; and a plurality of oxygen generators of said gas, each of said plurality of oxygen generators are in fluid communication with at least one of ~~said~~ plurality of oxygen injectors whereby the plurality of oxygen generators provides the containment vessels with an amount of oxygen sufficient to increase the percentage of dissolved oxygen within the aqueous medium.
2. (previously presented) The system of claim 1 further comprising a food source in fluid communication with at least one of said plurality of oxygen injectors.
3. (previously presented) The system of claim 2 further comprising a medicine source in fluid communication with at least one of said plurality of oxygen injectors.
4. (previously presented) The system of claim 1 further comprising an ozone source in fluid communication with the at least one of said plurality of oxygen injectors.
5. (previously presented) The system of claim 4 wherein the ozone source is in fluid communication with at least one of said plurality of oxygen generators.
6. (previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said plurality of oxygen generators operates via vacuum swing absorption.

7. (previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said plurality of oxygen generators are located proximally to said containment vessels.
8. (previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein at least one of said plurality of oxygen generators is mounted on wheels.
9. (previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein at least one of said plurality of oxygen generators is mounted onto a floatable support.
10. (previously presented) The system of claim 9 wherein said at least one oxygen generator is disposed within the containment vessel.
11. (currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the dissolved oxygen content in said aqueous medium is greater than 4 mg/l.
12. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein more oxygen is added via said oxygen injectors to said containment vessels at night than during the day.
13. (previously presented) The system of claim 1 further comprising:
 - a sensor for measuring the content of dissolved oxygen C_o within the aqueous medium in at least one of said plurality of containment vessels; and
 - a central processing unit in electrical communication with the sensor and at least one of said plurality of oxygen generators wherein the central processing unit compares the oxygen content C_o against a set point value C_{set} and activates the at least one oxygen generator when the oxygen content C_o is below set point value C_{set} .

14. (previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the at least one containment vessel comprises a plurality of shrimp having a shrimp biomass density at harvest of at least 0.5 kg/m² or greater.
15. (previously presented) A method for determining the location of one or more aeration devices within a containment vessel comprising an aqueous medium for marine animals, the method comprising the steps of:
 - inputting the geometry of a containment vessel into a modeling program;
 - inputting the geometry of one or more aeration devices into said modeling program;
 - defining the one or more locations of said one or more aeration devices within said containment vessel;
 - generating a computational mesh for said containment vessel with said one or more aeration devices within said containment vessel;
 - solving the hydrodynamic and mass transfer equations to determine the flow rate and direction of flow of said aqueous medium within said containment vessel.
16. (previously presented) The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of analyzing said flow rate and said direction of flow; inputting the geometry of one or more different aeration devices into said modeling program and repeating the defining, generating and solving steps for said one or more different aeration devices.
17. (previously presented) The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of analyzing said flow rate and said direction of flow, and if the flow rates for a majority of the volume of said aqueous medium in said containment vessel is not between 4 cm/sec and 20 cm/sec, then further comprising the additional steps of defining new locations for said one or more aeration devices and repeating the generating and solving steps for said one or more aeration devices in said new locations until the flow rates for a majority of the volume of said aqueous medium in said containment vessel is between 4 cm/sec and 20 cm/sec.

18. (currently amended) A containment vessel for the aquafarming of marine animals comprising one or more aeration devices, and an aqueous medium within said containment vessel, said aqueous medium having a top surface, said one or more aeration devices move at least a majority of said aqueous medium to form at least one circular vortex that is parallel to said top surface of said aqueous medium comprising the movement of at least a majority of said aqueous medium in said at least one circular vortex.
19. (previously presented) The containment vessel of claim 18 comprising two or more aeration devices and said two or more aeration devices move said aqueous medium to form at least two complementary circular vortexes comprising the movement of at least a majority of said aqueous medium in said at least two circular vortexes.
20. (previously presented) The containment vessel of claim 18 wherein said majority of said aqueous medium moves at a flow rate of between 4 and 20 cm/sec.
21. (previously presented) The containment vessel of claim 19 wherein said majority of said aqueous medium moves at a flow rate of between 4 and 20 cm/sec.
22. (previously presented) The containment vessel of claim 18 comprising a bottom of the vessel and sludge, wherein said sludge collects in an area that is less than 20% of the area of the bottom.
23. (new) The system of claim 1, further wherein each of said oxygen generators acts as a primary supplier of said gas to at least one containment vessel and a backup supplier of said gas to at least one other containment vessel.

24. (new) The system of claim 1 wherein said aqueous medium comprises a top surface and wherein in said plurality of containment vessels said aqueous medium moves in at least one circular vortex parallel to said top surface.
25. (new) The system of claim 1 wherein the number of said containment vessels is between 0.25 and 8 times the number of said oxygen generators in said system.
26. (new) The system of claim 1, wherein the majority of said aqueous medium moves at at least 4 cm/sec.
27. (new) The system of claim 1, wherein said containment vessels further comprise a radius or a length, and said plurality of oxygen injectors are located across said radius or half of said length of said containment vessel.
28. (new) The system of claim 26, further wherein said aqueous medium comprises a top surface and said aqueous medium moves in at least one circular vortex parallel to said top surface.